

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) An electrolytic solution comprising an organic polar solvent (C) and further comprising a carboxylic acid (A0) and/or a carboxylate salt (B), wherein the carboxylate anion (A) is one with which the energy of formation in water of the ionic complex (D) with aluminum ion is not more than  $-250$  kcal/mol and not less than  $-500$  kcal/mol as calculated by the MM3/PM3 method of the CAChe system.

12. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the van der Waals volume of the carboxylate anion (A) is not less than 190 cubic angstroms and not more than 500 cubic angstroms.

13. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the modulus of the difference between the solubility parameter as calculated by Fedors method for the carboxylate anion (A) and the solubility parameter for the organic polar solvent (C) is not less than 4 and not more than 9.

14. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the maximal electron density of the highest occupied orbital of the molecule of the carboxylate anion (A), as calculated by the MM3/PM3 method of the CAChe system, is not less than zero and not more than 0.5.

15. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 12 wherein the modulus of the difference between the solubility parameter as calculated by Fedors method for the carboxylate anion (A) and the solubility parameter for the organic polar solvent (C) is not less than 4 and not more than 9.

16. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 12 wherein the maximal electron density of the highest occupied orbital of the molecule of the carboxylate anion (A), as calculated by the MM3/PM3 method of the CAChe system, is not less than zero and not more than 0.5.

17. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 13 wherein the maximal electron density of the highest occupied orbital of the molecule of the carboxylate anion (A), as calculated by the MM3/PM3 method of the CAChe system, is not less than zero and not more

than 0.5.

18. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 15 wherein the maximal electron density of the highest occupied orbital of the molecule of the carboxylate anion (A), as calculated by the MM3/PM3 method of the CAChe system, is not less than zero and not more than 0.5.

19. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the carboxylate anion (A) is a secondary dicarboxylate dianion.

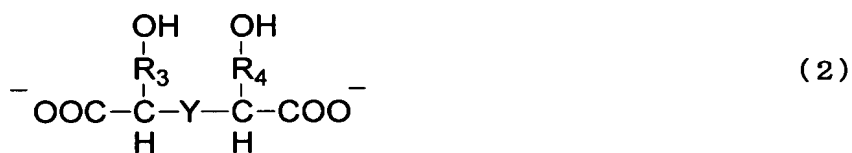
20. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the carboxylate anion (A) is represented by the following general formula (1)



wherein X is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are different from each other, or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are monovalent hydrocarbon groups having an ether bond and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different from each other, or

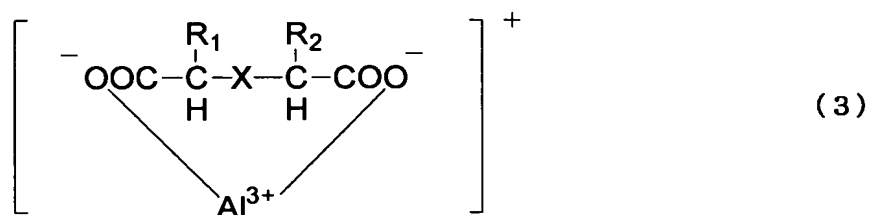
by the following general formula (2)



wherein Y is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may be the same or different from each other.

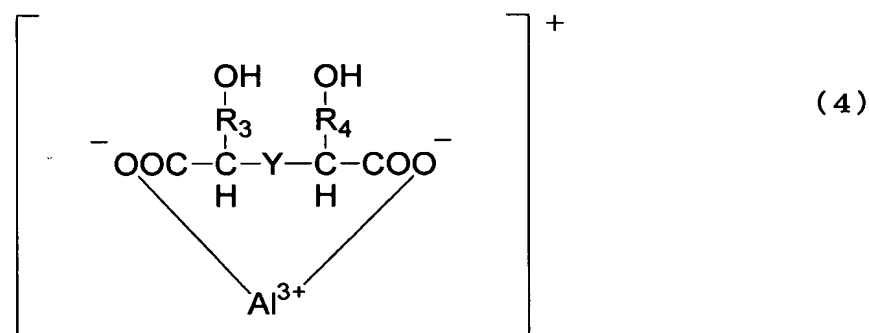
21. (New) The electrolytic solution of claims 11 wherein the ionic complex (D) formed from the carboxylate anion (A) and aluminum ion is represented by the following general formula (3),



wherein X is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are different from each other, or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are monovalent hydrocarbon groups having an ether bond and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different from each other, or

by the general formula (4),



wherein Y is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may be the same or different from each other.

22. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the carboxylate salt (B) is an ammonium salt and/or an amine salt.

23. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 wherein the organic polar solvent (C) is ethylene glycol.

24. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 11 to be used in an electrolytic condenser.

25. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 12 wherein the carboxylate anion (A) is a secondary dicarboxylate dianion.

26. (New) The electrolytic solution of claim 12 wherein the carboxylate anion (A) is represented by the following general formula (1)



wherein X is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are different from each other, or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are monovalent hydrocarbon groups having an ether bond and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different from each other, or

by the following general formula (2)



wherein Y is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond,

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may be the same or different from each other.

27. (New) The electrolytic solution of claims 12 wherein the ionic complex (D) formed from the carboxylate anion (A) and aluminum ion is represented by the following general formula (3),

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are different from each other, or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are monovalent hydrocarbon groups having an ether bond and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different from each other, or

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \quad \text{OH} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{R}_3 \quad \text{R}_4 \\ | \quad | \\ \text{OOC}-\text{C}-\text{Y}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\ | \quad | \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array} \right]^+ \quad (4)$$

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, divalent hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and may have an ether bond, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may be the same or different from each other.

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